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Governor Beshear Creates Task Force to Modernize, Simplify State Alcoholic Beverage Laws



Citing concerns that alcoholic beverage laws in Kentucky are outdated and sometimes contradictory, Governor Steve Beshear today announced the creation of the Governor's Task Force on the Study of Kentucky's Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws.

"Many groups, including licensees, state regulators, law enforcement and private citizens have called for statutory reform of our alcoholic beverage laws. They agree that Kentucky's current laws do not adequately account for a 21st-century economy and standard of law," said Gov. Beshear. "A task force that includes members from a broad spectrum of backgrounds and professions is best suited to identify the problems, debate policy and make recommendations for improvements."

Today, Kentucky has more than 13,000 licenses issued to manufacturers, distributors, and retailers for alcoholic beverages, with more than 70 different license types to regulate those operations. These businesses not only generate millions of dollars for the Kentucky economy every year but also attract tourists.

Specifically, the task force will conduct a focused study and review of the laws with an emphasis in the following:

- The number and types of alcohol licenses issued by the state and what activities each license should authorize;
- The effectiveness of local option election laws in achieving their goals and representing the interests of the various voting localities; and
- The enhancement of public safety and compliance with regulatory requirements.

The task force will consist of government officials and one representative from each of the following Kentucky organizations: Mothers against Drunk Driving; Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky League of Cities; the Liquor Retail Coalition; the Restaurant Association; Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Inc.; the Distillers' Association; the Vineyard Society; Beer Wholesalers' Association; Malt Beverage Council; and a representative from a licensed microbrewery.

Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Bob Vance will serve as chair of the task force. The group will hold three statewide forums to collect comments from the public. A report with recommendations is due to the governor in January. For updates on the task force, check our website, <http://abc.ky.gov>.

Background Check Fees Go Up

For ABC license applicants, please take note that The Administrative Office of the Courts has changed their fees for checking backgrounds. Effective July 1, 2012, the fee for someone requesting their own background check increased from \$15 to \$20.

Upcoming Local Option Elections and Recent Election Results:

Results from July 27, 2012:

- Citywide election was held in the City of Franklin located in Simpson County to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in Franklin, Kentucky. PASSED 965 TO 529
- Countywide election held in Marshall County to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in Marshall County, Kentucky. FAILED 6,906 TO 6,211
- Citywide election held in the City of Murray located in Calloway County to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Murray, Kentucky. PASSED 2,109 TO 1,822

On Tuesday, July 24, 2012 there was an election held in the City of LaGrange which is located in Oldham County. This election PASSED 751 TO 338.

On Tuesday, July 31, 2012 there was an election held in the City of Georgetown located in Scott County. This election PASSED 3,175 TO 1,258. They will get LP, beer, etc.

Results from August 7, 2012:

- Citywide election held in the City of Princeton to go regular wet with LP, retail beer, RWL, etc. and it PASSED 1,167 TO 972.
- Three precinct elections held in Union County trying to vote wet and the results were;
Sturgis Precinct #2 PASSED 122 TO 108
Sturgis Precinct #3 FAILED 89 TO 87
Sturgis Precinct #4 FAILED 107 TO 104

August 28, 2012, there will be a countywide election held in McCreary County and the question on the ballot will read, "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in McCreary County, Kentucky?"

S.T.A.R. Training Dates

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four hours. **Register for class and keep up with class changes and additions at <http://abc.ky.gov>.**



Date	Time	City	County	Location
09/04/2012	9:00AM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
09/04/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
09/10/2012	9:00AM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
09/10/2012	9:00AM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
09/11/2012	9:00AM	Somerset	Pulaski	Hampton Inn
09/11/2012	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
09/15/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
09/17/2012	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
09/17/2012	9:00AM	Hopkinsville	Christian	Hampton Inn
09/18/2012	9:00AM	Mount Sterling	Montgomery	Health and Civic Center
09/24/2012	5:00PM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
09/24/2012	9:00AM	Prestonsburg	Floyd	Jenny Wiley SRP
09/24/2012	9:00AM	Danville	Boyle	Inter-County Energy Co-op
09/25/2012	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
09/30/2012	12:30PM	Murray	Calloway	Curris Center
10/02/2012	9:00AM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
10/02/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/08/2012	5:00PM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
10/08/2012	5:00PM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
10/09/2012	5:00PM	Somerset	Pulaski	Hampton Inn
10/15/2012	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
10/16/2012	9:00AM	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Pritchard Community Center
10/20/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/22/2012	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
10/29/2012	9:00AM	Corbin	Laurel	Hampton Inn
10/30/2012	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
11/05/2012	9:00AM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
11/06/2012	9:00AM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
11/06/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
11/13/2012	9:00AM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
11/17/2012	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
11/19/2012	9:00AM	Somerset	Pulaski	Hampton Inn
11/19/2012	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
11/20/2012	9:00AM	Bowling Green	Warren	Houchen's Industries, Inc
11/20/2012	5:00PM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
11/26/2012	9:00AM	Hazard	Perry	Kentucky River ADD/Perry Park
11/26/2012	9:00AM	Danville	Boyle	Inter-County Energy Co-op
11/27/2012	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
11/27/2012	9:00AM	Florence	Boone	Florence Government Center